

LINCOLN'S GRADUATES WIN PRAISE.

Finished Productions Mark the Colored High School's Third Commencement.

MUSICAL NUMBERS A FEATURE.

The Cathedral High School's Picnic Yesterday—Leo Thornton the First Graduate.

The last of this year's commencements in this section was the third annual commencement of Lincoln high school, colored, held at the Grand Opera House last night. The house was comfortably filled and every person who was fortunate enough to have been present, left the theatre with an air of satisfaction and praise for the graduates. Professor Fleming B. Jones, as well as Miss Beatrice Cox, teacher of the high school, came in for a good share of congratulations.

The stage was decorated with potted plants, making a very pretty appearance. Those occupying seats on the stage were Superintendent W. H. Anderson, Professor Fleming B. Jones and Rev. J. W. Waters.

The festivities were opened by a beautiful overture by the Opera House orchestra, whereupon the class of five graduates, Georgia Anna Lee, Ora Mae Glasgow, Mamie Lavenia Fields, Edna Regenia Jones and Ethel Jeanette McMeheen, and thirty-four pupils walked upon the stage and took their seats.

The invocation was offered by Rev. J. W. Waters, of the Waymen M. E. congregation, and it was followed by an oration "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," by Ethel Jeanette McMeheen. Said she: "Hannibal with 102,000 men started across the Alps. He and his men knew the march to be dangerous, but in spite of this they marched on and on, and after untold privations and three-fourths of the army perished, 24,000 men reached Eturia, Italy." Thence Miss McMeheen drifted into an able argument for the use of the quality of perseverance. The life of Frederick Douglass was pointed out as an inspiration, and the speaker closed with a glowing tribute to that great colored American.

The recitation of "The Painter of Seville," by Edna Regina Jones, was a very able effort. Miss Jones convinced her hearers by her gestures and distinct expressions that this difficult number was placed in proper hands. She was liberally applauded and presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The chorus "The Red Scarf," by an augmented chorus of thirty-nine voices, assisted by Miss Beulah McCulloch, Wheeling's best colored contralto, graduate of the class of 1895, from Lincoln school, was a very tuneful rendition. The voices displayed very careful training under the efficient direction of Miss Lucy Robinson.

An oration, "Et tu Brute," by Ora Mae Glasgow, was a very brilliant number, she said:

"Julius Caesar was one of the most noted men of the age; his life reads like fiction; he was a man of great power and a student of languages, an orator, historian, grammarian and general. He was elevated to an honorable position and gained the undisputed mastery of Rome. Any man who succeeds will find selfish opposition and create enemies, as did Caesar. Brutus made his submission to Caesar, who spared his life. Brutus owed his life to Caesar and loved him, a man of spotless reputation and a man of worth, his love for Caesar was second to none. The permanence of the republic of Rome was loved by Brutus. Great Caesar fell a victim of ambition and as a victim of treachery he cried 'Et tu Brute,' 'Thou too, Brutus.' Who can you trust, if not your friend? Caesar loved Brutus for his manly character and thought him to be the last man to do him an injury. Imagine his amazement to see the uplifted dagger. Caesar was a leader and a reformer and was able to control the turbulent elements of Rome. So far as Roman liberty was concerned, Caesar loved it. Ambition was diluted upon very effectively at the close of this very interesting oration.

The soprano solo, "The Huntsman's Horn," by Lula Gardner, had to be dispensed with, owing to her inability to be present. The Opera House orchestra filled this number with a pretty overture.

"Zingarella," a recitation by Georgia Anna Lee, attired as a gypsy flower girl, with tamborine and basket of flowers, was a very dramatic production. Miss Lee displayed marked elocutionary training.

"Watchman, Tell us of the Night," was the theme of an oration by Miss Mamie Lavenia Fields. The question of the apostolicism of Robert Ingersoll was dilated upon. The present was now going on in the various parts of the world were also alluded to. Miss Fields did not believe in settling international disputes by a war, but advanced the theory of a peace congress or arbitration, and hoped to find nations as well as capital and labor at a future time smoking the pipe of peace together.

Superintendent W. H. Anderson, of the city schools next proceeded with the long looked for event by the graduates, the distribution of their diplomas, after which the chorus, "Swiss Folk Song," was rendered by the chorus. This number certainly was a gem.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Waters, which closed the official school year of Lincoln high school.

CATHEDRAL CADETS PICNIC

And Hold Athletic Sports at Fair Grounds—Two Graduates This Year.

The Cathedral high school closed yesterday and the occasion was celebrated by a picnic at the state fair grounds that lasted all day. This school is comparatively a new institution and the first graduates were ushered forth yesterday. They were two in number, Leo Thornton and Joseph Nolte, but only

the former completed the high school department course, and he enjoys the distinction of being the school's first graduate. Mr. Nolte completed the commercial department. Rev. Father Moys presented the diplomas, and Mr. Thornton was given a medal for general proficiency.

The athletic features of the picnic consisted of a base ball game between the school and a picked team, titled the "Has Beens," and bicycle and foot races. The students won the ball game, score 8 to 6. The batteries were O'Hara and Gilhooly for the school; Gundling and Corcoran, for the "Has Beens."

The half-mile bicycle race was won by Blake, time, 1:27. Gilhooly captured the 100-yard dash, time, 11 seconds. In the 880-yard dash, R. O'Brien was first with Gilhooly second; time, 2:28.

The fair-sized crowd in attendance spent the day enjoyably and the affair was quite a success.

BIRNEY M'ECHEEN'S COUP.

The Wheeling Man Shows Fairmont People a Thing or Two—A Street Railway Started Between Two Days—Two Wheeling Companies Fighting.

Birney K. McEcheen and County Engineer Robert Haxlett returned from Fairmont last night, after the former had worked a coup that added 100 per cent to the speed of the Marion county town—a coup that would have excited the envy of the Third Napoleon had that unfortunate descendant of the "Little Corporal" been alive. It's not a long story, but there's meat in every line.

Some time ago, Mr. McEcheen and certain associates bought the Fairmont electric light plant. Likewise, they acquired a franchise for building a street railway through the streets of the city. The Wheeling man proceeded to organize his company, and was making great progress when he learned, to his surprise and stupefaction, that through someone's fault the street railway franchise had been allowed to lapse by default, and that another syndicate, in which were the Sands and other Wheeling people, had secured a new street railway franchise from the Fairmont council. The average man would have come to terms with the newcomers, but McEcheen wasn't built that way. Casting his eye over the legal directory, he picked out "Johnny" Howard, and soon the pair were hiving themselves to the Marion county metropolis.

Howard was sprung by the speaker, and found making an eloquent plea before the Fairmont council for Client McEcheen, who "had invested his money in an electric light plant only for the purpose of running a street railway in connection." The eloquence and persuasive powers of the wily Howard were given full play, and it is surprising that the Fairmont council gave a yell and started up the street on a run. Reaching the street where the track was to be laid, the laborers began a merry "rat-tat-tat" with pick and shovel on the brick paving, and soon the Fairmonters were tumbling out of bed and assembling to witness this strange scene in real life, staring in open-mouthed wonder at McEcheen and Haxlett and their savage hordes, and rapidly reaching the conclusion that their town was dead-sure to have a street railway system in the not distant future.

Strange to say, none of the opposition company people got wind of this midnight incursion upon their franchise-bound preserves.

Five o'clock found the track located in the disputed district, the brick paving neatly piled, and the street in nearly as good condition as the night before. At 6 o'clock, the opposition folks brokefaasted upon the disagreeable and indigestible situation that confronted them, and for dessert indulged in injunction talk, but there was no judge at hand, and so far nothing in the legal line has been attempted.

The McEcheen road will run from Fairmont to Monongalia, a distance of six miles, and in the immediate future it is expected to extend in the other direction to another mining suburb, Montana.

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THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Parkersburg, H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Pittsburgh, GREENWOOD, 10 a. m. Pittsburgh, LORNA, 5 a. m.

Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Charleston, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Pittsburgh, AYALON, 5 a. m. Parkersburg, BEN HILL, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Charleston, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Charleston, GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m. Parkersburg, H. K. BEDFORD, 10:30 a. m. Newport, JEWEL, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Charleston, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. Thursday were 3 feet 8 inches and rising. Weather, showery.

River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 7 inches and stationary. Weather, clear and pleasant.

WARREN—River 3 of a foot and falling. Weather, heavy showers and warm.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 2 inches and stationary. Weather, cloudy and cool. Rainfall, 1.12 inches.

BROWNVILLE—River 5 feet and stationary.

STEUBENVILLE—River 3 feet 1 inch and rising. Weather, clear and warm. Lorena and Greenwood up.

PITTSBURGH—River 3 feet 6 inch and rising slowly. Weather, rain.

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DAYTON LANDS.

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Immediately. The committee on credentials had practically nothing to do, except to rule that proxies be admitted.

The committee on permanent organization decided to make the temporary organization permanent. Emmett Showalter announced that he would submit a minority report, naming Senator Worley, of Preston, as chairman, but later he withdrew from this position, and said the opposition to Dayton would not object to Temporary Chairman Jeffers occupying the chairmanship. The vote in the committee was 6 to 2, six counties not being represented.

The committee on resolutions chose Mr. Harrison, of Mineral, chairman, and W. E. Glascock, of Monongalia, secretary. A red hot anti-civil service plank was proposed by a member of the committee on resolutions, but it was too advanced for the committee, which rejected it by a decisive vote.

R. M. A.

DAYTON THE NOMINEE.

He Won on the First Ballot With Nearly as Many Votes as He Had Predicted—Strong Resolutions Adopted—N. G. Keim Chosen Presidential Elector.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 28.—The afternoon session of the convention, called for 1:30 o'clock, opened nearly on time. The committee on permanent organization reported a recommendation that the temporary organization be permanent.

The committee on credentials reported no contests and that all delegates and proxies be authorized to cast the vote of their respective counties. The representation was reported as follows:

Barbour, 16; Berkeley, 25; Grant, 13; Hampshire, 7; Hardy, 5; Jefferson, 13; Marion, 34; Mineral, 15; Monongalia, 27; Morgan, 11; Pendleton, 8; Preston, 35; Randolph, 14; Taylor, 15; Tucker, 13; Total, 243.

The committee on order of business reported: First, nomination of candidate for Congress; second, nomination of candidate for presidential elector.

Nominating Speeches.

Nominating speeches were next in order, and Frank Cox, of Monongalia, presented the name of Alston Gordon Dayton in an eloquent five minute speech. The speaker's word-picture of the condition of the country four years ago, compared with the present Republican era of prosperity was most effective. A delegate most irrelevantly replied, "Hurrah for Freer," and even Mr. Cox smiled. Many pretty figures of speech were sprung by the speaker, and the President and members of Congress were eulogized for services to country in the Spanish war. In the midst of the speaker's eloquence there were cries of "time," and his voice was drowned in the uproar, but Mr. Cox managed to make it known that he was presenting the name of "Alston Gordon Dayton," the man who stood behind the President. Cheers and yells for Dayton followed Mr. Cox's great speech.

W. H. Wentz, of Barbour, seconded Dayton's nomination eloquently.

W. D. Lindsey, of Berkeley, one of the eastern Pan Handle's brilliant young Republicans, presented the name of U. S. G. Pitzer. There was quite a demonstration for Pitzer.

Showalter Names Meredith.

Grant county yielded to Marion, and District Attorney Emmett M. Showalter placed in nomination Judge Winfield Scott Meredith, of Marion county. Mr. Showalter received an ovation when he took the stand. His tribute to Judge Meredith was graceful and eloquent, and the mention of the judge's name brought out the greatest enthusiasm yet evinced. Marion county, he promised, would give Scott Meredith 500 majority. The demonstration for Meredith was renewed when Showalter concluded his effective speech.

A. J. Welton, of Grant county, seconded the nomination of Judge Meredith. His appreciation of his candidate was concise, well worded and well delivered. "Time" cut short his speech, however, notwithstanding his entreaty for "one more word," which the Dayton shouters would not allow.

H. W. Bayer, of Morgan county, seconded Pitzer's nomination, and a claimant of the entire Republican majority for Dayton in the district. "It was a hard job," yelled a delegate, amid laughter. Randolph county seconded the nomination of Dayton, amid cheers.

C. P. Guard, of Grafton, in a gracefully delivered five-minute speech presented the name of Judge John Homer Holt, of Taylor county. His candidate would "storm the ramparts of the enemy in November, as Roosevelt stormed the heights of San Juan." (Cheers.)

W. S. Thompson, a colored delegate, from Tucker county, seconded the nomination of Dayton. The greatest enthusiasm of the entire convention followed Thompson's speech. Following this demonstration there were observations from the wise ones, the burden of which was "It's Dayton isn't it?"

The ballot was ordered, but a delegate from Taylor moved that no county be allowed to change its vote until the roll of the counties is completed. Emmett Showalter objected, and the motion was withdrawn.

A delegate from Grant county created some confusion by disavowing for his part the union between Marion and Grant counties on Meredith, and said dramatically that he was for Dayton first, last and all the time. This announcement was received with cheers.

The Only Ballot.

The ballot was then called. Barbour's sixteen for Dayton enthused the following of the congressman, and a counter demonstration ensued when Berkeley came up smiling with her twenty-five for Pitzer. Grant was called, but answered not. Hampshire and Hardy went solid for Dayton, seven and five respectively, and then came Jefferson with thirteen for Dayton. The Meredith men had their first chance to enthuse when Marion plugged in her solid thirty-four for their candidate, the first votes he had received. Mineral, like Grant, declared her unreadiness to vote, but Monongalia sent the Dayton solid away up with twenty-seven solid votes. Morgan added in with eleven for Grant Pitzer, and the fellows from the eastern Pan Handle had a chance to enthuse. Pendleton divided her vote between Dayton and Meredith and nobody shouted. Preston was called, but a scrap was on in this large delegation and it was passed. Randolph stuck in her solid fourteen for Dayton. Taylor voted her all for Favorite Son Holt, and Tucker went to Dayton for all she was worth, thirteen.

At this stage, with the roll completed, but Grant, Mineral and Preston not voting, Dayton had 99½ votes, or 28½ short of the 128 necessary to nominate. The word was passed around that Dayton sorely needed a delegate, for it was needed he had the majority of Preston's 35, and while Grant and Mineral had not voted it was known they were for Dayton if he needed the votes, but that they would rather divide their votes if it was shown Dayton didn't need them. As it turned out, they were not needed. Preston finally announced

her vote, 25½ for Dayton, 3½ for Holt, one for Holt and two for Meredith. In an instant the fast boys with figures were passing out the information that Dayton was nominated, having 129 votes, without any from Grant or Mineral. The chairmen of these latter delegations announced their divided votes with suspicious quickness, after it was seen their solid votes for Dayton were not needed.

Dayton Nominated.

When the Preston vote went practically solid for Dayton and gave him the nomination the scene changed from ordinary convention disorder to one of the wildest enthusiasm. The cheering continued for several minutes and the band added to the demonstration.

After an effort of several minutes, Emmett Showalter got the floor and yelled above the uproar:

"I demand a poll of the vote of Preston county."

"Well, hear from Grant county first," replied the chair, and the Dayton protesters yelled forth their satisfaction with the chair's decision.

Grant then voted 6 for Dayton, 1 for Pitzer and 1 for Meredith, and Mineral followed with 7 for Dayton, 4 for Pitzer and 4 for Meredith, Judge Holt being left out in the cold in this distribution of the honors.

Secretary Holt then announced the vote, but a delegate from Preston interrupted, stating that he had voted for Pitzer and that it had not been recorded. The correction was made, giving Dayton just the number to nominate, 128, without Grant and Mineral. The ballot in detail was as follows:

Counties	Dele. Dayton	Dele. Pitzer	Dele. Mer.
Barbour	16	—	—
Berkeley	25	—	—
Grant	13	6	1
Hampshire	7	—	—
Hardy	5	—	—
Jefferson	13	—	—
Marion	34	—	—
Mineral	15	7	4
Monongalia	27	—	—
Morgan	11	—	—
Pendleton	8	4½	—
Preston	35	28½	1
Randolph	14	11	—
Taylor	15	—	—
Tucker	13	—	—
Totals	244	141	2½

After the Changes.

Then came a number of changes, Taylor deserting Holt and giving her eighteen to Dayton, and Preston got together again and the two Meredith men went over to Dayton. The ballot, after all changes had been made, was as follows:

Counties	Dele. Dayton	Dele. Pitzer	Dele. Mer.
Barbour	16	—	—
Berkeley	25	—	—
Grant	13	6	1
Hampshire	7	—	—
Hardy	5	—	—
Jefferson	13	—	—
Marion	34	—	—
Mineral	15	7	4
Monongalia	27	—	—
Morgan	11	—	—
Pendleton	8	4½	—
Preston	35	28½	1
Randolph	14	11	—
Taylor	15	—	—
Tucker	13	—	—
Totals	244	162½	2½

The Resolutions.

On all sides there were motions to make the nomination of Dayton unanimous, and the motion went through with a general hurrah. A committee was named to wait on Mr. Dayton and escort him to the hall, and then Secretary W. E. Glascock, of the committee on resolutions, read the following report, which was received with frequent cheers:

The Republicans of the Second congressional district in convention assembled, hereby ratify, confirm and adopt the declaration of principles of the platform of the national Republican convention, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to keep them.

West Virginia coal is now being carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. West Virginia oil flows like milk, and West Virginia timber is being cut everywhere, all through the beneficent legislation of the Republican party.

Labor is fully employed at more remunerative wages than ever before. Soup houses have passed away, with their progenitor the Democratic party never, we trust to return, to bring shame and sorrow and poverty to the people.

We commend and endorse the national administration of President McKinley; and the wise, economical and satisfactory administration of Governor Atkinson.

We hereby pledge ourselves to support the Republican nominees for the President and Congress, and all the Republican nominees of our state.

We hereby commend the Hon. A. G. Dayton upon the ability and success he has attained in Congress, and congratulate this district upon having so able a representative.

We earnestly commend our distinguished Senators, Stephen B. Elkins and Hon. N. B. Scott, and pledge our every effort to secure the re-election of Senator Elkins, who has done so much to develop the state, and who has attained such distinction by his wise and patriotic course as a member of the greatest legislative body on earth.

We are unalterably opposed to any extension of the civil service system to our foreign possessions, and the nominee of this convention is hereby pledged to oppose both by vote and word any and all measures looking to an extension of said system.

We enter upon the campaign with renewed zeal and energy, inscribing upon our banner, "Progress, Prosperity and Victory," having renewed every pledge of fidelity to the Nation, a financial standing unequalled by any country on earth, made every dollar, gold, silver and paper, worth one hundred cents, and secured to the people a market at remunerative prices for everything they can produce or manufacture. Our commerce has expanded far beyond the highest, and the balance of trade in our favor averaging \$50,000,000 a year.

These facts, and many others which might be added, demand the continuance in power of the Republican party, and we confidently appeal to all right-thinking voters to unite with us in re-electing our present Congress, the danger, dishonor and disloyal doctrine of free trade, free riot and free silver.

Presidential Elector.

The nomination of a presidential elector was next in order, and Col. W. H. Mable, of Elkins, placed before the convention the name of N. G. Keim, of Randolph county. A delegate from Berkeley named Charles Henry Lamar, Keim won by a majority of 84, on the first and only ballot, as follows:

Counties	Dele. Keim	Dele. Lamar
Barbour	16	—
Berkeley	25	—
Grant	13	—
Hampshire	7	—
Hardy	5	—
Jefferson	13	—
Marion	34	—
Mineral	15	—
Monongalia	27	—
Morgan	11	—
Pendleton	8	—
Preston	35	—
Randolph	14	—
Taylor	15	—
Tucker	13	—
Totals	244	168

Mr. Keim thanked the convention and said: "At the proper time I will cast the vote of the Second district of West Virginia for President McKinley and the Rough Rider." (Cheers.)

After the Convention.

There were cries for Dayton, and the chairman announced that the congressman would prefer to extend thanks and address the delegates in the open air, from the porch of his hotel, across the street. The convention was declared adjourned at 3:10 o'clock, and the

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crowd assembled outside and heard one of Mr. Dayton's characteristic speeches, in the course of which he extended his warmest thanks for the honor the Second district Republicans had once more bestowed upon him.

He was followed by Judges Meredith and Holt and Mr. Pitzer, who pledged the nominee their loyal support in the approaching campaign. Each speaker was given a warm reception, and good feeling reigned supreme.

This afternoon Terra Alta is rapidly losing her 600 or more convention visitors. The eastern Pan Handle crowd got away at 4:20, and the delegates from the western and southern sections of the district left on the 5 o'clock train for the west. The mountain-top town has never had so large an event in its midst, and the hotel facilities, while good, were inadequate, and nearly every private home was thrown open to the entertainment of convention visitors.

R. M. A.

FIRST TEST OF STRENGTH

Between the Dayton and Opposition Forces—Victory for Former.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 28.—The first test of strength of the day between the Dayton and anti-Dayton forces came at the meeting of the congressional committee, held in the town hall at 9 o'clock this morning. The Dayton people had selected for temporary chairman, Tracy L. Jeffers, of Jefferson county, formerly of Washington City, while the Meredith-Holt-Pitzer people favored ex-Senator Wm. G. Worley, of Preston. Of the committee's membership of fifteen, eleven were present, Congressional Chairman C. F. Teter, of Philippi, presiding. Those present were: J. T. Paulding, of Berkeley; L. J. Foreman, of Grant; M. F. Hall, of Barbour; J. A. Loy, of Hampshire; G. H. Child, of Jefferson; W. W. Scott, of Marion; J. P. Fitch, of Monongalia; H. W. Bayer, of Morgan; J. W. Flynn, of Preston; N. G. Keim, of Randolph; T. E. Davis, of Taylor.

Mr. Child presented the name of Mr. Jeffers for temporary chairman, and Mr. Scott named Senator Worley. Mr. Jeffers won, to the tune of seven to four, as follows:

Jeffers—Paulding, Foreman, Hall, Loy, Child, Fitch, Keim; total, 7.

Worley—Scott, Bayer, Flynn, Davis; total, 4.

This was a straight-out victory for the Dayton people, but it was only a preliminary skirmish, and was not accounted of great importance.

Editor J. M. Holt, of Grafton, was chosen secretary of the convention.

THOS. E. DAVIS FOR SENATE.

Republicans of the Eleventh Senatorial District Make an Excellent Nomination at Terra Alta—Senator Elkins Endorsed.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 28.—The Republicans of the Eleventh senatorial district, in convention assembled here this morning, made a strong and most excellent nomination for the state senate, in the person of Hon. Thomas E. Davies, of Grafton, who stands high in his community and in the councils of the Republican party of the state. He was this party's nominee for governor in 1892. Although the Republican majority in the district is between 3,000 and 4,000, and "any old candidate" would win, the convention acted wisely in naming the strongest man available.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Frank Cox, of Monongalia, at 10 o'clock, who announced ex-Senator W. G. Worley, of Preston, as chairman, and Francis Bailey, of Taylor, as secretary. In taking the chair, Senator Worley warmly thanked the convention, and paid a glowing tribute to the stalwart Republicanism of the three great Republican counties making up the Eleventh district. More important than all else in